(21) Rs. 200 Under "9—Anchal—Cranganur—a—1—Dearness Allowance"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 200 under "9—Anchal—Cranganur—a 1—Dearness Allowance".

Demand put and carried

(22) Rs. 69—Under "9—Anchal—Cranganur—(f)—Rent"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 69 under "9—Anchal—Cranganur—(f) Rent".

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: Will the Hon'ble Secretary to Government be pleased to inform the House the defect of the permanent Anchal Office? What is wrong with the permanent Anchal Office?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I think it is under repairs.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: Want of space.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)* Will the Hon'ble Secretary to Government be pleased to inform the House what the total expenses of the repairs are calculated to be?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I have no information. It is going to be rebuilt.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: What is the number of months for which the new building will have to be rented.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: About 10 months.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganr)*: From my personal experience I can say that there was nothing very serious about it.

Demand put and carried

(23) Rs. 1,000—Under "12—Jails—Cranganur—(b)—Diet of Prisoners"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "12—Jails—Cranganur—(b)—Diet of Prisoners". There has been an exceptionally large number of cases of smuggling of controlled articles from Cranganur to the surrounding British and Travancore Territories. As much as 240 cases have already been filed under the Defence of India Act. From Dhanu onwards the average has been 770 a month. At this rate it is expected that Rs. 4,000 will have to be provided. The excess expenditure is on account of this.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What is the reason for this large number of prisoners in Cranganur?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Smuggling of controlled articles. Cranganur is surrounded on all sides either by British or Travancore and there is a good deal of smuggling.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What are the articles smuggled?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Tapioca and rice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Is there any idea of the quantity of tapioca or rice smuggled?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: With regard to the quantity I have no information.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: We have heard some reports that even children of 5 and 6 years having in their hands some tapioca are prosecuted.

Mr. President: The matter is *sub judice*.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What is the quantity that they had with them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: We cannot go into details because the matter is *sub judice*.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I am only discussing the policy of the Government. I am not interested in any case.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: According to the present rules a person can take 20 pounds of tapioca without permit.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: A report that I heard was that little children of 5 and 6 having just a little of tapioca powder were caught.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: If it is tapioca starch it is different.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: It is known that big boat loads are being allowed to go and small consignments are caught.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In the case of rice what is the quantity?

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